Suil a Ruin (Johnny’s Gone for a Soldier)

Trad. Performed by Mary Black

I would I were on yonder hill

It's there I'd sit and cry my fill

And every tear would turn the mill

Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán *And may you go safely, my darling*

Chorus (after each verse):

Siúl siúl siúl a rún *Go, go, go, my love*

Siúl go socair 'is siúl go ciúin *Go quietly and go peacefully*

Siúl go doras agus éalaigh liom *Go to the door and fly with me*

Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán *And may you go safely, my darling*

I'll sell my rock, I'll sell my reel

I'll sell my only spinning wheel

For to buy my love a coat of steel

Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán *And may you go safely, my darling*

I'll dye my petticoats, I'll dye them red

And 'round the world I'll beg for bread

Until my parents would wish me dead

Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán *And may you go safely, my darling*

And now my love has gone to France

To try his fortune to advance

If he ne'er came back, there'll be but a chance

Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán *And may you go safely, my darling*